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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 equivalent listing references for consideration:
- (X) Listing 42 references.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08 equivalent) listing 42 references. Copies of all of the non-patent references are submitted herewith. Applicant understands that the Examiner will be able to analyze the patent references using an electronic database.

Most of the references cited herein were produced during the litigation described in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of March 10, 2005. In an abundance of caution, Applicant has also pointed the Examiner's attention to a number of commonly owned issued patents, and pending and abandoned applications. These references claim priority to a common parent application, but are not involved in the direct claim of priority of the present application and could potentially include prosecution history relating to the currently pending claims. We understand that the Examiner has already considered the prior applications in the direct claim of priority of the present application, as well as the references used during the prosecution of these applications.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the

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Respectfully submitted,
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	1	3,352,395	11/14/1967	Hilpert	
	2	3,502,097	04/24/1970	Muller	
	3	3,630,199	12/28/1971	Gangarosa et al.	
	4	3,648,648	03/14/1972	Johnson et al.	
	5	4,079,737	03/21/1978	Miller	
	6	4,306,205	12/15/1981	Ito et al.	
	7	4,891,469	01/02/1990	Fick	
	8	4,934,655	06/19/1990	Blenkush et al.	
	9	5,134,703	07/28/1992	Bumbarger	
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	19	Joint Proposed Final Pretrial Order	
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	24	U.S. Application No. 08/265,181, filed 6/24/1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,694,686, issued 12/09/1997	
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	27	U.S. Application No. 08/477,382, filed 6/7/1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,690,612, issued 11/25/1995	
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